



F-35 Lightning II Program

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FRC East Milestone in F-35 Maintenance

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. – Fleet Readiness Center East achieved another accomplishment for its support of the F-35 Lightning II program May 17, 2018.



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The F-35C carrier variant is the world's only 5th Generation, long-range stealth strike fighter designed and built explicitly for carrier operations.

FRC East is the lead site for depot-level maintenance on the F-35B (short takeoff-vertical landing), but also performs work on F-35A (conventional takeoff and landing) and F-35C (carrier) variants. The depot has a workforce of more than 3,900 civilian, military personnel and contractors, making it the states' largest industrial employer in Eastern North Carolina.